

Maine Revised Statutes

Title 12: CONSERVATION

Chapter 915: HUNTING: SEASONS, REQUIREMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS HEADING: PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 (new); Pt. D, §7 (aff); c. 614, §9 (aff)

§10953. OPEN SEASONS FOR HUNTING WITH CROSSBOW

1. Species and seasons. A person may:

A. Hunt bear with a crossbow during the open season on bear as provided in section 11251; [2013 , c. 236 , §3 (NEW) .]

B. Hunt wild turkey with a crossbow during the spring open season on wild turkey in areas open to wild turkey hunting as established by rule in section 11701; [2013 , c. 236 , §3 (NEW) .]

C. Hunt moose with a crossbow in areas of the State open to moose hunting during the open season on moose established by rule in section 11552, subsections 1 and 2 and according to the rules pertaining to moose hunting permits adopted by the commissioner for the protection of the moose resource under section 11551 and in accordance with the provisions of section 11601; and [2013 , c. 236 , §3 (NEW) .]

D. Hunt deer with a crossbow during the open firearm season on deer as provided in section 11401. [2013 , c. 538 , §14 (AMD) .]

[2013 , c. 538 , §14 (AMD) .]

1-A. Hunting with a crossbow; 70 years of age or older.

[2013 , c. 538 , §15 (RP) .]

1-B. (TEXT EFFECTIVE UNTIL 1/1/15) (TEXT REPEALED 1/1/15) Hunting with a crossbow; 70 years of age or older. A person 70 years of age or older may hunt a wild bird or a wild animal with a crossbow during any open season on that wild bird or wild animal, subject to this Part. A person 70 years of age or older may hunt deer with a crossbow during a regular archery-only season established under section 11403 or in an expanded archery zone or during the muzzle-loading-only deer hunting season established under section 11404.

This subsection is repealed January 1, 2015.

[2013 , c. 538 , §16 (NEW) .]

2. Rulemaking. The commissioner shall adopt rules regulating the use of crossbows for hunting that include but are not limited to restrictions on size, bolts, broadheads, sighting devices and safety mechanisms. The commissioner shall adopt rules that prohibit the use of hand-held or pistol-type crossbows and crossbows with a draw weight of less than 100 pounds or more than 200 pounds. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

[2005 , c. 419 , §2 (NEW); 2005 , c. 419 , §12 (AFF) .]

SECTION HISTORY

2005 , c. 419 , §2 (NEW). 2005 , c. 419 , §12 (AFF). 2011 , c. 61 , §§2 , 3 (AMD). 2013 , c. 236 , §3 (AMD). 2013 , c. 538 , §§14-16 (AMD).

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